MINUTES PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD April 12, 1994

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, April 12, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. at the Riverside Center, 901 W. Riverside Drive. Board members present were Ron Cartlidge, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Delores Duffie, Phil Friday, Doug Johnston, and Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Jesus Olivares, Stuart Strong, Sandra Chipley, Sarah Campbell, Randy Russell, Gene Faulk, Jody Hamilton, and Dolores Posada.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Phil Friday.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Judith Sokolow, Friends of the Dougherty Arts Center member, voiced her concerns regarding the needed renovations at the center and her support of the programs which they offer.

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ITEMS FOR ACTION

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

At this time the order of the agenda was changed due to the Public Hearing.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Make recommendation to Council regarding naming the new golf course "Roy Kizer Golf Course".

Randy Russell, Manager PARD Operations, gave a brief presentation. Doug Johnston moved the above item be approved. Ron Cartlidge seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

ITEMS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Approve negotiation and execution of a Parkland Improvement Agreement with the Women's Chamber of Commerce for the Norwood Estate.

Phil Friday, Land and Facilities member, stated the committee recommends the above item be postponed.

Beatrice Fincher, Norwood House Task Force Chair, gave a brief summary of what

the committee had done to date and encouraged the Board for approval of the above item.

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Delores Duffie moved the above item be postponed. Doug Johnston seconded the motion. The vote 5-0.

7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING: Town Lake Comprehensive Plan Review of Central Corridor Recommendations

Stuart Strong, Principal Planner, gave a brief summary on the changes the Department recommends for the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan.

Ingrid Weigand, Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Assoc. President, expressed the neighborhood's concerns regarding major events held at Auditorium Shores.

Gail B. Armstrong, Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Assoc. Creek/Park Committee Chair, expressed concerns regarding the neighborhood's concerns regarding major events held at Auditorium Shores and their safety.

Clay Shorkey, PH.D., Texas Music Museum Board of Directors President, encouraged the Board to consider retaining the proposed Cultural Arts/Educational section of the Central Corridor.

Robert Corbin expressed his belief that the goal of the plan was to have a more peaceful and quiet place to enjoy.

Hope Lochridge encouraged the Board to make primary purpose of the Town Lake Corridor for recreational users and examine closely any proposals for cultural or commercial use.

Jean Haggerty encouraged the Board to improve the play fields east of Austin High.

There being no more speakers, Mr. Friday closed the Public Hearing and resumed the business at hand.

Approve appointment to Community Education Consortium.

Mr. Cartlidge moved to nominate Ms. Cruz-Torres to be elected as the Board representative to the Community Education Consortium. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. There were no other nominees. The vote was 5-0.

Approve resolution for former Board member Eleanor McKinney.

At this time, Mr. Friday formally announced the resignation of Sterling Lands. He stated that at the next meeting the Board should also approve a resolution for Mr. Lands. Mr. Cartlidge moved to adopt the resolution for Ms. McKinney. Ms. Duffie seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (continued)

Make recommendation to the Department regarding conceptual design of pedestrian underpass at Barton Springs Rd.

At the Director's request, the Board postponed the above item until the next

meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Friday appointed Doug Johnston to server as the Board representative on the Committee to review the Request For Proposals (RFP) on Concessions.

Mr. Friday will serve as the Board representative on the Downtown Commission.

Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director, informed the Board that they were given copies of the proposed Capital Improvement Plan 1994-95, copies of the RFP's on the Concessions, and the summer camp information. Mr. Heitz also briefly discussed Cultural facilities and the \$20,000,000 bond that was voted on 8 years ago and what stage the projects were currently on.

Mr. Strong informed the Board to read page 39 and again page GG140 in the proposed CIP 1994-95 book which contains information pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Department.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Cartlidge asked for the opening date of the Dove Springs pool. Jesus Olivares, Deputy Director, stated it was June 4, 1994.

The Director invited the Board to attend the opening of the Dick Nichols Park on April 16, 1994 at 10 a.m.

Ms. Cruz-Torres wanted to know when the ground breaking ceremonies for Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center was scheduled. Mr. Olivares stated sometime in September or October.

Mr. Cartlidge mentioned he received the invitation to the Zilker Playscape, but not to the Nichol's opening and would like to be invited to the Dove Springs pool opening since it is across the street from him. Ms. Hamilton stated they had mailed the invitations on Monday and that all Board members would be invited to all the openings.

Mr. Friday reminded everyone to file their disclosure forms by the end of the month. He also stated there was to be a PARB retreat the following Saturday. Due to the resignation of Ms. McKinney and Mr. Lands, he suggested the Board should postpone until the appointments in June were made. All of the members agreed to wait until August for the retreat.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Nivison made a correction on page 18 regarding the committee approval on the floating boat dock at the Hyatt Hotel on Town Lake: add "according to the revised plan". Ms. Cruz-Torres corrected the vote regarding the Walsh Boat Landing Tract Lift Station Relief Interceptor to read "4-0-3." Mr. Cartlidge moved to have the minutes with corrections of the regular meeting and Public Hearing of March 22, 1994 approved. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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